

MCDERMOTT INTERNATIONAL INC  
Form 8-K  
March 29, 2010

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**  
**FORM 8-K**  
**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d)**  
**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**  
**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): March 23, 2010**  
**McDERMOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

001-08430

72-0593134

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

777 N. Eldridge Parkway, Houston, Texas

77079

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code: (281) 870-5901

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Through one of our subsidiaries, we entered into a Separation Agreement with Mr. Robert A. Deason on March 23, 2010 in connection with Mr. Deason's previously announced March 31, 2010 resignation from our subsidiary, J. Ray McDermott, S.A.

Under the terms of the Separation Agreement, Mr. Deason will provide general advisory services to our Offshore Oil and Gas Construction segment for a period of six months (with a six month extension if mutually agreed) following his resignation. In consideration of the services, Mr. Deason will receive (a) \$25,000 per month; (b) a conditional pro-rated bonus payment for 2010 in an amount that will depend on the 2010 bonus generally paid to other employees under our annual incentive compensation plan; and (c) continued vesting of his outstanding equity awards, which will vest through March 31, 2011. Based on the vesting schedule of his existing equity awards, Mr. Deason will vest in the following amounts and awards through March 31, 2011: 2,540 shares of restricted stock, 8,226 shares of deferred stock units, which settle in cash, and, depending on performance, between 55,200 and 96,405 shares of performance shares. The Separation Agreement also includes a covenant not to compete and a release of claims by Mr. Deason, as described therein. A copy of the Separation Agreement is attached as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

10.1 Separation Agreement

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

MCDERMOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By: /s/ Dennis S. Baldwin  
Dennis S. Baldwin  
Vice President and Chief Accounting  
Officer

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